Ministers at Pekin Looking Up China's Financial Resources.

MAY DEMAND \$180,000,000

Some of Them Opposed to Making China Pay Cash.

NOTICE TO RUSSIA

PEKIN, April 3.- The ministers are considering proposals submitted by financial experts for the raising of a sufficient sum for the payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is probable that some arrangement will be arrived at on the basis of the scheme of Sir Robert Hart, director of the imperial maritime customs, which provides for the handing of the salt and likin taxes over to the maritime customs administration and the levying of an annual house tax equal to one-half a month's rent, which, it is calculated, will provide 20,000,000 taels yearly, sufficient to pay 5 per cent interest on 250,000,000 taels and clear the whole of the principal in less than forty years.

Two hundred and fifty million taels is equivalent, roughly estimated, at £36,000,-000, but the total amount of the indemnity

is likely to be much more. Some of the powers are greatly averse to compelling China to contract a loan for the payment of the indemnity. It is thought that the increased cost of raising money required in that way is likely to hamper the commercial development of China, and it is therefore believed to be desirable to have money raised internally

Formal Notice to Russia.

The Chinese government has formally notified Russia that China, owing to the attitude of the powers, is not able to sign the Manchurian convention.

"It is China's desire," says the formal notification, "to keep on friendly terms with all nations. At present she is going through a period which is the most perilous in the empire's history, and it is necessary that she should have the friendship of all. "However much she might be willing to grant any special privilege to one power, when others object it is impossible that for the sake of making one nation friendly should allenate the sympathies of all

Li Hung Chang says this letter settles the matter definitely, and that Russia was informally notified to the same effect

Prince Ching asserts that every China-man except Li Hung Chang was against signing the convention.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: The correspondent is informed by a trustworthy authority that the Manchurian conven-

tion has not yet been signed. M. Delcasse

the French minister of foreign affairs, is expected here about April 20. It is reported in Canton, China, that the viceroy has received a telegram from the court to the effect that a peaceable settlement of the affair is impossible. The viceroy is described as much disturbed by this communication.

LONDON, April 4.- "The Japanese press continues very belilcose," says the Yoko-hama correspondent of the Daily Mail, wiring yesterday.

"Count Okuma (formerly premier and now leader of the opposition) declares, in the course of an incisive article, that Japan must assert herself or the work of thirty years will be lost. Corea, he says, is not a Russian chattel, and Russia's action is a direct challenge to Japan."

ALLEGED COMMISSARY FRAUDS. wabt as to the Charm ported Peculations.

General MacArthur's dispatch, as will as other information received concerning the alleged commissary frauds, leaves considerable doubt as to the exact character of these alleged peculations. General Mac-Arthur speaks of "sales." These sales consist of savings by the soldiers on the regular rations issued, which they are allowed to dispose of for their own benefit. Generally the savings are made a company matter and disposed of in bulk to the highest bidder. They may be returned to the commissary department and bought in by the government at cost price, but there is no reason why they should not be sold elsewhere if the managers of the com-pany fund should so desire. As army rations do not pay the usual duty imposed on similar goods used for private consumption the soldiers could make quite a profit on their savings if they were of considerable Sales from commissary stores not included in the regular ration are made to officers and men, but only upon a certifi-cate or declaration that they are for the personal use of the purchaser. It is said used by any person or persons without detection. Officers or men purchasing such stores and reselling them would, be guilty of violating the army regulations and would be subject to court-martial. As to the other savings, they are upon the regular rations issued to each company. They might be in flour, meat, sugar number of staple articles included in the ration. The money procured from the sale of such savings is usually devoted to the purchase of such supplies as are not inciuded in the ration, and many delicacles and varieties of food are thus secured by

the men in garrison or camp. CAN'T SAY WHY HE LEFT HERE. Wilbur Unable to Account for His Recent Disappearance.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NORFOLK, Va., April 4 .- Harry G. Wilbur, the Washington health department clerk and formerly secretary to Clarke Howell of the Atlanta Constitution, who mysteriously disappeared from his home in Washington more than a week ago, was found today at the Norfolk Union Mission in the lower part of the city.

He had been there since Tuesday, Wilbur, when seen by The Star's representative this afternoon, said he had no idea when or why he left Washington, and that he was in some Norfolk church on Sunday last when his reason returned. He said he not know, however, where he stayed aday or Monday night, and he remembered but little before his arrival at the

Wilbur declared he had drank nothing since he left home, because he said he deacon and president of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Eastern Presbyterian Church in Washington. He de clined to discuss the matter of writing to his wife from Norfolk nor any of his other actions since his arrival here, saying he

desired no publicity to be given the mat-Though he speaks rationally, Wilbur's mind seems to wander. He will be sent back to Washington tonight. Wilbur spoke in a religious meeting at Union Mission

last night, giving his Christian experience. Inspector Boardman received a telegram from the chief of the Norfolk force this morning asking what disposition to make of Wilbur. The inspector communicated with Wilbur's relatives and informed the Norfolk police that the young man's brother-in-law would leave here for Norfolk on

nied by Detective Howlett. The President to Be Present.

Judge Advocate General Lemly has received a telegram from Commander Snow at San Francisco stating that the Union Iron Works will launch the battle ship Ohio May 18. The company has been in-formed that President McKinley and his cabinet will be present at the launching.

To Take Charge of Medical Exhibit. Captain E. L. Munson, assistant surgeon, has been relieved from duty at Washington barracks, D. C., and ordered to Buffalo, N. Y., to assume charge of the exhibit of the medical department of the army at the Pan-American exposition.

AFRICA.

Portuguese Show Marked Favor to

Boers and Insuit Lord Carrington in Lisbon.

LONDON, April 4.-The British casualties in South Africa continue high. The totals for the month of March are: Killed, 9 officers and 103 men; wounded, 26 officers

Dispatches received here from Paris reiterate the stories of affronts to Lord Carrington and his suite while returning from Lisbon, after formally announcing King Edward's accession to King Charles of Portugal. It seems that the train on which the mission traveled conveyed a number of nurses returning from the Boer army. The result, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Paris, was that at every station there were violent anti-British scenes. Lord Carrington and his suite were openly insulted, while the nurses were greeted with loud cheers. The situation became so intolerable that the British mission finally changed trains. The letter of Gen. Botha, the Boer com-mander-in-chief, to Lord Kitchener, commanding the British forces in South Africa, preliminary to the recent peace meet-ing, casually referred to in Lieut. Gen. Kitchener's report of the negotiations, and from which the opponents of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain hoped to obtain some clew of the recent failure of the confer-ences, was published as a parliamentary paper this morning. The letter is dated at the commandant general's camp, February 13, and commences with a reference to 'the verbal message from your excellency.'

Continuing, the letter says: "I have the honor to inform your excellency that no one desires more than I do to bring this bloody strife to an end. I would also very much like to meet your ex-cellency for the purpose of mutual discus-sion to see if it is not possible to discover terms under which this can be done."

The remainder of the letter of Gen. Botha is of no importance. It merely suggests a place of meeting and arrangements for the

guarantee of safe conduct. SURFMAN EXONERATED.

Investigation of the Wreck of the

City of Rio de Janeiro. The testimony taken at the investigation authorized by the Treasury Department into the circumstances connected with the wreck of the steamer City of Rio de Janeiro on February 22, 1901, to determine whether the loss of life was due to any neglect or failure of duty on the part of the officers or employes of the life-saving service, has been received and considered at the department.

It will be remembered that several days after the disaster, and while the coroner's inquest over the bodies of some of the drowned was in progress, Mark Ellingsen, a surfman of the Fort Point life-saving station, who was on watch in the lookout some distance from the station between the hours of 4 and 8 on the morning of the disaster, during which time it occurred, was reported to have confessed that he heard signals of distress and neglected to telephone the fact to the station.

The verdict of the coroner's jury, according to the published accounts, held the captain of the ill-fated vessel and the bar pl-lot who was on board responsible for the loss of life. A similar finding by the board of local inspectors of steamers is said to be the result of its investigation of the

As soon as the report of Ellingsen's alleged remissness was received he was suspended from duty and the investigation under notice directed. The testimony is voluminous, but entirely exonerates Surfman Ellingsen, and orders have been telegraphed to restore him to duty.
"It is proved beyond question," the re-

port says, "that at no time was any signal lows: made by the steamer entitled to be recog-nized as a signal of distress. This is shown ers and assistant keepers on watch at the Fort Point, Lime Point and Point Bonita light houses. They all testify that it is a part of their duty, upon hearing any sigof distress, or when knowledge of disaster comes to them, to inform the lifesaving stations of the occurrence by alarm signals agreed upon between the two services. They have sounded that alarm signal upon many occasions and the life-say ing crews have always responded promptly. The evidence shows that they heard the whistles of the Rio on the morning of the disaster, as well as the whistles of other steamers passing in ar (out, but none of the whistles were of such a character as to lead them to suppose that the vessel was in trouble, and they have no doubt that if any signals of distress had been made they would have heard them and warned the life-saving stations."

CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

Report of the Collector at San Juan

Porto Rico. G. W. Whitehead, collector of customs at San Juan, P. R., recently submitted to diture of some of those who have suddenly Governor Allen a statement of imports and exports for Porto Rico from May 1, 1900, to February 28, 1901. This shows total imports free of duty of \$3,580,212, of which \$3,546,852 was from the United States and \$33,360 from all other countries. The total of dutiable imports was \$4,522,248, of which \$2,906,156 was from the United States and \$1,616,092 from all other countries. On the goods from the United States \$196,370 in duties was collected and from other countries. tries \$607,450

The exports from Porto Rico were \$5,814, 083, of which \$3,390,506 was sent to the United States and \$2,423,577 to other countries.

FOR THE DEFENSE.

Opening Statement by Attorney for

Liston D. Bass. The introduction of testimony for the defendant was begun today in Criminal Court No. 1 in the case of Rev. Liston D. Bass, on trial under indictments alleging violation of section 5480 of the Revised Statutes of the United States-using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

In an explanatory awaress to the jury At torney Douglass of counsel for Bass stated that the latter is on trial for alleged violation of an act of Congress, and not for false pretenses. The Union Teachers' Agency and the Bureau of Civil Service Examination, counsel asserted, were hopest and lawful concerns, conducted by Mr. Bass on business principles, his intention being to

give full value for all money received. The vital point in the case, so Attorney Douglass informed the jury, is whether the sending of the literature that figures in the case by Mr. Bass constituted a misu attorney that certain of the testimony in that no misuse of the mails had occurred Wm. C. Bonsal, Miss Margaret W. Daniels and F. Mabel Rollins were among the who appeared for the defendant during the day.

Meteorological Station at Taylor, Tex. Secretary Wilson has authorized Chief Moore of the weather bureau to establish a full meteorological station at Taylor. Texas. The closing of the station at Palestine, Texas, is held in abeyance. The people of that section have submitted protests against the proposed discontinuance, and action has been deferred.

Mr. Stockman Returns to Havans. W. B. Stockman, the chief forecast official of the weather station at Havana, Cuba, who has been temporarily detailed

to duty in this country since the beginning

of the year, has been ordered back to his

station at Havana. Maryland Postmasters. The following fourth-class postmaster were appointed today in Maryland: Blackrock, Arnos Belt; Chesapeake Beach, Harry Behrend; Dargan, S. C. Hanes; Naugans-

Mr. Scott's Resignation Accepted. The Secretary of the Treasury has accepted the resignation of Norman D. Scott, naval officer at the port of Baltimore.

ville, D. E. Downin.

LIST OF THE CASUALTIES IN SOUTH CHESTER W. CHAPIN STUCK IN PROVIDENCE HARBOR.

Pasengers Taken to New Haven by the Bay Queen - No Casualties.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., April 4.- The Chester W. Chapin went ashere at about 9:15 last night, as she was feeling her way out from Providence, but it was several hours before the news was received in this city. At first it was thought that the steamer could release herself, as she was proceeding at slow speed, but after several trials with reversed engines the efforts were discontinued and two of the steamer's officers started in a small boat for Warwick Neck light house on the west shore of the bay, whence they communicated with the city by telephone.

As soon as possible two of the Providence Towboat Company's tugs were dispatched to the island. The Providence, Fall River and Newport line also sent the Bay Queen from Newport to take off the passengers and to render any other service possible. The tugs took positions on either ride of the Chapin, and for several hours they strained and pulled on the stranded craft in an effort to move her. All efforts were fruitless. When it was seen that the steamer would be delayed for some time, the pas-sengers, who had suffered no discomfort and who had shown no evidence of panic, were informed that they would be taken off. They were transferred to the Bay Queen and were brought to this city. A special train was made up as speedily

as possible, and the travelers started for New York by rail, early today. The officials of the steamer line think that the vessel is not seriously damaged, and that she will be floated during the day. NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 4.-Passengers from the wrecked steamer Chester W. C. Chapin passed through New Haven at 8:30 this morning on their way to New York. They were generally exhausted by the exciting incidents of the night, but expressed warm praise for the manner in which the officers of the boat looked out

for them after the accident of the passengers said that practically all except the employes of the boat were asleep when the steamer grounded, but that there was no panic, and the officers and crew acted nobly. The steamer Bay Queen from Newport reached the scene at 2:30 this morning, and the passengers were transferred to her, and at 5 o'clock left Providence by a special train for New York. None of the passengers or crew was injured.

REV. JOHN JASPER'S FUNERAL. Colored Preacher Laid to

Rest at Richmond. RICHMOND, Va. April 4.-The funeral of Rev. John Jasper, the famous negro preacher, occurred today at Mount Zion Church, of which he was pastor. The body lay in state in the heavily draped church all day yesterday. The services today were attended by an enormous crowd. A portion of the edifice is reserved for white

Prominent among the mourners were those whom the old man had antagonized during his life. The services consisted of hymns, special music, a Scripture lesson and four eulogies on the several aspects of Rev. Jasper's character. The congregation followed the body to Ham cemetery, where the interment took place in the family sec-

people, and many were present.

WHAT ENGLAND PAYS TO ROYALTY

New Civil List is Fixed at 470,000 Pounds. LONDON, April 4.-The report of the committee appointed to consider changes

in the civil list recommends that the new civil list be fixed at about £470,000, as fol-Privy purse, f110,000; salaries of houseold and retired allow

penses of household, £193,000; works, £20,-000; royal bounty, alms and special services, £13,000, and sundries, £8,000. The report recommends an annulty of f20,000 to the Duke of Cornwall and Yezk,

£10,000 to the Duchess of Cornwall and ork and f6.000 to each of the king's daughters. The queen's annuity, in the event of her surviving the king, is increased to £70,000, and an annuity of £30,-00 is provided for the Duchess of Cornrall and York in the event of her surviv-

The proposals for the civil list show a net Mr. Labouchere, the sole signatory of the

minority report, thinks that no increase is necessary. In a piquant paragraph he says "The committee did not deem it within the scope of their inquiry to consider whether a continuance of the pomp of pride and ceremony of the court is desirable. Suggestions have been rife that the of living has gone up among the wealthier classes since her late majesty ascended the throne. This idea seems to be due to the present ostentatious expenacquired large fortunes. But your committee does not believe the sovereign would desire to enter into monetary competition with such persons or encourage by his example such vainglorious prodigality on the part of his subjects."

· LARGEST VESSEL AFLOAT.

White Star Liner Celtic Launched at Belfast Today. BELFAST, April 4.- The new White Star

line steamer Celtic, the largest vessel ever built, was successfully launched here this morning in the presence of a large and representative gathering. The christening was performed by

Marchioness of Dufferin. Among the prominent persons who participated in the ceremony were the Countess Cadogan, wife of the lord lieutenant of Ireland; the Marquis and Marchioness of Dufferin, the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and the Earl and Countess of

Shaftesbury. The arrangement for the launching were similar to those of the Oceanic, and the new vessel glided from the ways and was pulled up within her own length by dropping three pairs of anchors. The launching occurred amid enthusiastic cheers of the ople and the blowing of sirens and fog horns.

The Celtic has nine decks and capacity for 2,859 passengers. She will carry a crew of 335 men. Her tonnage is 3,600 greater than that of the Oceanic and nearly double that of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, and her displacement is 12,500 greater than that of the latter vessel, while over that of the Great Eastern. The Celtic's dimensions are as follows: Length, 680.9 feet; beam, 75 feet; depth, 44.1 feet; gross tonnage, 20,880; net ton-nage, 13,650. The Celtic will have a displacement of 33,000 tons, and is not intend-ed for speed. She is designed as an emigrant carrier and will comfortably carry 1.700 emigrant passengers.

Death of a Noted Chemist. PHILADELPHIA, April 4.-William R. Warner, a widely known manufacturing chemist, died in this city yesterday. Mr. Warner was the first man to manufacture

sugar-coated pills and to introduce licorice tablets. He was a distant relative of

Washington, and his art collection

George Washington, and his art collection included over 100 portraits of Washington. Corean Mint Burned VANCOUVER, B. C., April 4.-News from Corea says the mint buildings at Yong San were destroyed by fire on March 8. It is thought that the fire was incendiary, the trouble culminating in a strike of workmen

having recently occurred. The mint was engaged in casting silver coins for the Corean government, and it is feared that the loss suffered by the latter will be Count Arco Valley in New York. NEW YORK, Apru 4 .- Among the passengers who arrived today on board the steamer Catania from Santos was his excellency, Count Arco Valley, former German minister to the United States and later to Brazil, who is on his way to take charge of his new post as minister to Japan.

INDEMNITY QUESTION BRITISH LOSSES IN MARCH SOUND STEAMER AGROUND HONORS TO CHAFFEE

Allies in Pokin Celebrate His Promotion to Major General. INVITED TO MANY RECEPTIONS

He Seems to Be the Most Popular Man in China. DUE TO HIS PERSONALITY

Correspondence of the Associated Press. PEKIN, February 14.—The past week has practically been devoted socially in Pekin to General Chartee in honor of his promo tion to the rank of major general in the regular army. The American camp at the Temple of Agriculture held a reception in his honor at the club, at which every officer and American civilian in Pekin was present to congratulate him, and a good

deal of enthusiasm was displayed. United States Minister and Mrs. Conger gave a dinner party Saturday night, February 9, in General Chaffee's honor, after which there was a smoker at the American Club, which was pretty generally attended by foreign officers. Owing to the dinner it was late before General Chaffee put in his appearance, shortly after 11 o'clock. As soon as it was known that he was coming through the sares preparations were made to receive him in style and an international guard of honor was formed, the commanding officer of which was the British General Richardson, the band playing "Hail to the Chief" and afterwards "He Is a Jolly Good Fellow."

General Richardson Led Cheering. General Richardson led the cheering which followed the closing bars of music and which was long and pronounced, and General Chaffee was evidently, although very pleased, visibly affected. Fully fourfifths of the British officers from the Temple of Heaven were present, quite a number of German officers including members of the field marshal's staff, and a scattering of French and Japanese. The French minister and Mrs. Pichon gave a luncheon party in Gen. Chaffee's

honor Sunday, and several other dinners and receptions have been and still are proected for a week to come. The enlisted men of the command are unfeignedly delighted over the promotion. To them Gen. Chaffee is the exemplifica-tion of all that a good soldier should be. Another thing which pleases them is the fact that he was once an enlisted man himself and, in consequence, it is also looked upon as an honor to the enlisted men of the army that one who was once an enlist-ed man himself should mount the ladder of military renown and succeed from the low-est to the highest mark.

It is doubtful if there is any man in Pekin today so much thought of, liked and respected by the people of all nations as is Gen. Change, This is not on account of his military rank, his nationality, or even his personal appearance, but is due, as one of the ministers said a few days ago, to the sterling weeth of the man himself, his great hearledness and his sound, common Son and

SHOOTING IN THE RAIN

GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP AT INTERSTATE PARK TODAY.

Ninety-Nine Men Had Straight Scores at End of Second

if witaRound. NEW YOR April 4.—Shooting in the grand American francicap at live birds was begun at Interstate Park (Queen's), Long

Island, today in a drizzling rain. There was very little wind to bother the shooters who had the advantage of the birds, inasmuch as the rain tended to make them a bit slow. A list of entries now contains 220 names and there will possibly be half a dozen

more post entries. Allowing for a reasonable number of forfeits the field of contestants will be about the same as last year, when 211 shooters

took part in the handicap. The conditions of the American handicap are 25 birds, \$25 entrance, birds extra, high guns, not class shooting, \$1,500 guaranteed, \$600 to first and a silver cup, \$500 to second and \$100 to third, all extra moneys to be divided on a percentage basis to the next fifty-one highest scores. At the end of the first round of the four sets of traps, 132 men of the 201 who com-

peted had straight scores of four kills

each. weeks W Delpie At the conclusion of the second round 99 men had straight scores of 8 kills each. Fanning. Heikes and Elliott were among those who missed one out of the eight.

THREE BYSTANDERS SHOT.

Fatal Result of Man Attempting to

Shoot a Woman. SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.-Two men were fatally shot and one seriously wounded in a saloon on Pacific street early today. Joseph H. Cordes of Elmhurst shot several times at a woman, but missed her each time and struck three innocent bystanders, all of whom were sailors. John Carlson was the first to succumb. He died Shortly after arriving at the hospital. Peter Sjorgren of the transport Indiana was shot through the head and cannot recover. A. J. Shanley of the bark Harvester was shot in the back, but probably will recover.

MRS. PALMER IN POLITICS.

Noted Chicago Woman Receives Her Alderman Son's Friends. CHICAGO, April 4.-Mrs. Potter Palmer, assisted by her sons, Alderman-elect Honore Palmer and Potter Palmer, Jr., entertained the precinct captains of the twentyfirst ward and the officers and members of the Tuscarora Club at the Palmer mansion. on the Lake Shore drive, last night.

At the door of the salon Mrs. Palmer stood between her two sons and greeted the 217 men who had helped to make her boy an alder handed Chicago. The footman af the door called the names in stentorian tones, and as each visitor d Mrs. Palmer shock his hand presented her some prenouncing the names of her guests as though she had personal acquaintance with every politician, high and low, of the twenty-first ward. After speeches by Mayor Harrison and others refreshments were served.

Woman Drops Dead.

Maria Grag, colored, forty years old. dropped dead at her home, No. 8 Blagden's alley about 12:30 o'clock today, while in the kitchen preparing dinner. She died before a physician could be summoned, and the case was reported to Dr. Nevitt, the coroner, who made an investigation and gave a certificate of death from heart dis-

Foreman of Grand Jury. Justice Barnard, in Criminal Court No. 1 has appointed Edward F. Riggs foreman of the grand jury for the April term of the court. This was a

Artillery Sent to Fort Columbus. The 49th and 83d companies, Coast Artillery, at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., have been ordered to Fort Columbus, N. Y., for temporary duty, to arrive not later than the oth instant. The 52d Company, Coast Artillery, at Fort Hancock, has also been ordered to Fort Columbus. Mayor E. R. Hills, Artiliery Corps, has been assigned to

HEARING TODAY BEFORE JUDGE STRUCTURE TEN STORIES IN HEIGHT SCOTT OF POLICE COURT.

Defendants Accused of Extorting Money From Thomas H. Pickford -Statements of Witnesses.

Ferdinand Hopp and James Hudson were this afternoon arraigned in the Police Court before Judge Scott on the charge of conspiracy, in that they "did, amongst themselves conspire, combine, confederate and agree together falsely and fraudulently to cheat and defraud Thomas H. Pickford of divers large sums of money, and in pursuance of the said unlawful and malicious conspiracy the said Ferdinand Hopp and the said James Hudson did obtain from the said Pickford \$200 in cash, a note for \$5,000, payable in thirty days, and a receipt for

null and void an indictment found against him at Rockville for alleged arson, the full particulars of which have been already printed in The Star. Continuing, Mr. Pickford said that after some talk with Hopp the latter said he could fix the case for \$2,500, the under-standing being that for this sum Hudson, who was an important witness for the state before the grand jury at Rockville, would leave the District and fail to apwould leave the District and fail to appear at the trial of Pickford and other interested parties. Witness also stated that last Saturday evening he went to police headquarters and had a long conference

Mr. Thomas H. Pickford, who was the

first witness to give testimony in the case,

told of a visit made by Hopp to his store

last week in reference to having rendered

with Inspector Boardman on the subject. The Detective's Statement. Detective Helan testified substantially that Inspector Boardman laid the case before the district attorney, and acting on instructions from that official he and Detective McNamee were put to work on the case. It was understood by the detectives that either Hopp or Hudson, or both, would show up at Pickford's grocery store Mon-

day morning to complete a financial deal with Mr. Pickford. The meeting was to have taken place in Mr. Pickford's office. The detectives hid in an adjoining room and holes were made in a partition through which they could see and hear all that transpired in the office. Hopp called on Monday and had a chat with Pickford. The detectives overheard all that was said. Tuesday evening Hopp called again, and on that occasion Pickford, to whom Hopp, it is alleged, owed \$250, gave Hopp a clear receipt for the amount, "to show his gratitude for what he was doing for him." This was accepted

in the presence of the detectives. Hopp arranged to see Hudson yesterday and close the deal. In the afternoon Hopp called on Mr. Pickford at his office. Another long talk was overheard by the de-tectives, and about 5 o'clock the deal was closed by Pickford paying over to Hopp the sum of \$200 in cash and a note for 3,000, payable in thirty days from date. This, it was understood, was all to be handed over to Hudson, who was to leave town. The sum of \$8,000 more was to be paid subsequently through Hopp, making a total of over \$11,000 which the transaction was to cost Pickford.

Two hundred dollars in cash, which Pickford handed to Hopp, was in notes, which had been marked by the detectives, who had also taken the numbers. With them was a paper, which, it is understood, Hudson was to sign, stating that Mr. Pickford was in no way implicated in the burning of a certain house at Four Corners.

Hopp's Version. Mr. Hopp gave his version of the charges to a Star reporter as follows: "I was simply acting for Mr. Pickford in this affair. It is untrue that I saw Mr. Pickford Saturday. He sent a note to me Monday asking me to come to his place, and he then explained to me that he wanted me to do him a great favor. He said he was aware that I knew Hudson, and asked me if I could not induce him to leave the District. it was a delicate matter but he appealed to me so urgently that I promised that I would do all I could for him, which I did, with the result that I am now locked up. In order to show his pro-fessed gratitude to me, he said: 'Hopp, to show you how I feel toward you in this matter, I will give you a receipt for that \$200 note which is due soon, and we will consider it paid.' I did not want him to do this, but he insisted. About three onths ago be loaned me the money, and gave him my note for it. have been dealing with Mr. Pickford

for some time and considered him a good friend. I can't see how I can be held on this charge. I was acting for him in the "As I understand it from Hudson, he was working at the Bryant mansion as a decorator at the time it was destroyed by fire. He claims to know all about how it was destroyed, and recently testified to

the facts in the case before the grand jury Hudson declined to make any statement recalled to the stand and was still testifying when this report was closed. He will pably not have an opportunity to have anything to say on the subject today.

CAVALRY TRANSFERRED.

Two Troops Sent to Washington Barracks. Two troops of the 1st Squadron of th 11th Cavalry, one of the new regiments authorized by the army reorganization act, which was recruited and organized at Fort Myer, Va., were this morning transferred to Washington barracks, which will be their station until other arrangements are made. The movement was made in order to permit of the organization at Fort Myer

of the 2d Squadron of the 11th Cavalry the post not affording complete accommodations for little more than one squadron at a time. It was originally intended to send the 1st Squadren to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., but that plan was reconsidered in favor of Washington barracks, because of prevalence of extreme cold weather at the New England post. Another consideration against the removal of the troops from Washington is that it would leave the capital city without any regular troops ex-cept one battery of artillery, which is also quartered at Washington barracks. The ismounted cavalrymen walked from Fort Myer to Georgetown, where they boarded open cars of the Capital Traction Company

and were taken direct to Washington bar racks. General Brooke, commanding the department of the east, has issued the follo regarding the organization of the

11th Cavalry:

"Pursuant to instructions from the head quarters of the army, the immediate organization and equipment of the 2d Squad-ron, 11th Cavalry, at Fort Myer, Va., is hereby ordered. The officers on duty at the post will be utilized for this purpose so far as may be practicable, and if additional at any time required prompt report will be made to these headquarters The post commander will at the carlless moment practicable initiate a suitable course of instruction for the recruits formng this squadron, including instruction in sighting, position and aiming drill, gallers practice and fire discipline as prescribed in the firing regulations for small arms. "It is particularly directed that to the fullest extent the facilities at the post will admit the recruits be afforded op with other troops at Fort Myer, for targe oractice.

The post commander will report by telegraph to these headquarters early each Friday morning the progress of organiza-tion and instruction, including the names of officers on duty with the squadron and the number of enlisted men therein. "Desirable applicants at Fort Myer for the white cavalry service will, as a matter of course, be enlisted by the post recruiting officer for the 11th Cavalry so long a there are vacancies therein.

Restraining Order Continued.

The case of Charles E. Wiley against Marie A. Marshall, to establish a liveryman's lien, and to restrain Constable Virgil G. Williams, pursuant to a writ of replevin, issued by A. S. Taylor, justice of the peace, from turning over the horse "Prince," the possession of which has caused considerable trouble, to Mrs. Marcaused considerable trouble, to Mrs. Marshall, came up before Justice Bradley to-day. The court continued the restraining order heretofore issued, and directed that the control of the horse be returned to the constable for the time being, and that Wiley give bond as required by rule of the

CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT FINANCE AND TRADE

Stocks Took Another Great Boom in New York.

TO BE ERECTED.

Steel Frame, Outer Walls to Be

of Granite, Light-Colored Stone

and Brick.

Plans have been prepared for an office

building which the Messrs. Tyssowski con-

template erecting at the northeast corne

of 15th and G streets northwest. It is in

tended to cover the entire site which has a

frontage of twenty-eight feet on 15th

street and seventy-two feet on G street.

The new structure will rise to a height of

ten stories and will have a steel frame, the

outer walls being of granite in the base-

ment; stone of a light shade through the

first story, and the balance light-colored

brick. As the Pennsylvania Railroad Com-

pany has a long-term lease on the first

floor, where its ticket office is located, the

consent of that corporation was necessary

before any change could be made. A tem-porary office will be secured by the rail-

in the new structure at the corner where

to the elevator and staircase.

The entire 15th street front will be avail-

able, as the present entrance to the upper floors in the building will not be retained in the new structure. All the railroad of-

fices will be together, with the exception of a private office for Mr. Colin Studds,

the passenger agent of the southeastern

district, which will be on the east side of

the rest of the suite by a private hall-

the public entrance, but connected with

Owing to the dimensions of the lot and

the fact that it is on a corner it is looked

upon as being especially desirable for the

the reason that an interior plan is possible which will make all the offices front rooms

and the majority with a southern exposure.

The design of this building, it is understood, is being prepared by Mr. Bruce Price, architect, of New York city, and the

new structure is to be a handsome addition

to the facilities of this character in this

city. The same architect has prepared the plans for the hotel building which, as stated in The Star, is proposed to be built

at 17th and H streets, where the Richmond

Hotel and the adjoining property owned

With the financing of these enterprises Westcott & Story, the real estate brokers, are identified.

It is understood that the office building

will cost \$100,000, while nearly a quarter of a million of dollars will be required for the

purchase of the ground that is contem-

plated to be occupied by the hotel building, and the erection of the structure will not

leave a large margin of a million of dollars.

TRACK HEAVY AND SLOW.

Raw Weather Kept Many People

From Benning.

RACE TRACK, BENNING, D. C., April

.- The cold, threatening weather was re-

sponsible for a decreased attendance at the

Benning track this afternoon, the seventh

day of the spring meeting of the Washing-

ton Jockey Club. The track was heavy.

The fields in the six races, excepting that

in the fourth, were small. The regulars,

Charley Moore, third. Time, 1.12.
Starters in the first race—Lexington Pirate (Wonderly), 3 to 1; Eloim (J. Slack).

10 to 1; Charley Moore (Vandusen), 9 to 5; Roysterer (T. Burns), 4 to 1; Blarney Stone (Blake), 40 to 1; Scorpio (Landry), 4

Entries for Tomorrow.

The following are the entries for tomor-

First race; six furiongs (five entries)-

Magic Light, 118; Scorpio, 122; Moor, 98;

Couple Scorpio and Moor as Goughacre

Second race; maiden two-year-olds; half a mile (eleven entries)—Serpent, 107; Fili-form, 107; Ski Runner, 107; The Hartford,

Red Damsel, 104; Warm Time, 104; Miracle

Couple Maru and Grall as Goughacre

Third race, selling; seven furlongs (ten

entries)—Ruth Parks, 109; Alard, 103; Thoroughbred, 100; The Rogue, 98; Dandy Boy, 97; *Scurry, 108; *Rabunta, 95; *Beau,

35; Animosity, 96; Curtsey, 87.
Fourth race, selling, seven furlongs, four-

teen entries-Gold Fox, 120; Scorpio, 112;

Momentum, 110; Speedmas, 107; Toluca,

sier, 96; Back Talk, 95; Give and Take, 93;

Modelmo, 99; Island Prince, 95; *Althea, 90; *Tony Licalzi, 88.

Fifth race, maiden, seven furlongs, ten entries—False Alarm, 110; Rough Rider,

110; Princess Aurora, 108; Checkmate, 96;

Guatama, 96: Anna Darling, 91: Mowitzka

91; Cherry Wild, 91; Handvice, 96; Irene

Sixth race, selling, mile and a hundred yards, four entries—Kirkwood, 110; Beau,

Smallpox Case.

the health department last night from 117

L street northwest. Investigation disclosed

Duties Collected From Passengers.

were \$13,829, an increase of \$11,197.

Held for Grand Jury's Action

Government Bonds.

per cents, registered.....

A new case of smallpox was reported to

Ideal, 107; Charawind, 105; Scurry, 89.

Nitrate, 101; Robert Waddell, 105.

entry.

entry.

Lindsay, 91.

Apprentice.

were placed in quarantine.

II. 104: Owletta, 104

much more so than yesterday, and slow.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

by the Pollock estate is located.

ocation of such a building as proposed for

is now, but that will be only to the

. FULL OF BUSINESS

Unable to Attend to the Wants

of Customers.

GENERAL MARKET REPORTS

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star. NEW YORK, April 4.-Initial transactions

in today's stock market were excited and confused. The volume of business equaled, and occasionally exceeded, the capacity of both commission houses and the exchange. The floor members of the larger firms were deluged with orders, and in many road company while the new structure is being put up. The arrangement of the first story will be made to suit the needs of the company. There will be an entrance would do what they could, but would not be responsible for defective execution. In some instances orders given prior to

ticket office of the railroad company. Access to the upper floors will be from G street, where there will be a lobby leading the opening were not reported until the final hour. As the result of such conditions the price movement was wild and erratic. Many houses were pronouncedly optimistic, but advised caution because the market defied analysis and accidents might Deals were reported in all sections, but

the only known transaction of this char-acter was the Burlington-Northern Pacific combination, and these stocks were given excellent support. Rock Island was ad-vanced to 155 under an exceedingly nervous demand, and rumor had it that Missouri Pacific was in quest of the property as a necessary addition to the Southwestern deal. No confirmation of the rumor and no plausible explanation of yesterday's pivance was given. The price broke under 150, under a big

realizing movement, but was checked by new buying by strong houses. New York Central and Pennsylvania were marked up under an enthusiastic demand, and rumors of a more liberal offer for St. Paul were reflected in higher prices for those shares. Every investment stock on the list was advanced substantially under a splendid demand. So easy was the response to the buying that the street is forced to the conclusion that brokers are no longer carrying the income-bearing securities of the country. However this may be, the demand at present is superior

to the supply.

Erie was strong and gave evidence of good support, as did the Reading shares.

The coal properties are not in first place, but there are evidences of an intention to not them there later on. Atchison issues put them there later on. Atchison issues ere taken well, and there is a growing inclination to expect 2 per cent on the com-mon stock next month. Colorado Fuel was a feature of the steel group, selling up under a big demand from inside sources. The strike differences will soon be out of the way and a dividend on the common stock will follow. There has been a temporary delay in the new Southern Steel deal, and the stocks interested reflected the halt by a slightly lower range of

Amalgamated Copper was strong and there were several attempts to start an advance in Sugar. The banks have lost money to the interior during the week and some gold to Europe, but have gained at the subtreasury. Money over the holidays was in good supply at 3 per cent.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

however, were out in force and speculat-ing was heavy. At post time, first race, the following had been scratched: The New York Stock Market. Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., bankers and brokers, 1419 F st., members New York Rhymer in the first, Rightaway and Miracle II in the second; Souprep, Ten Up, Anna Darling and Cherry Wild in the fourth, and Charawini in the sixth. stock exchange, correspondents Messrs. Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co., New York. First race, five and a half furlongs-scorplo, first; Lexington Pirate, second;

American Cotton Oll

Open. High. Low. Close

Am. Steel and Wire, 491, 491, 481, Am. Steel and Wire, pfd. 112 112 112 American Sugar 1411, 1437, 1411, 1871/ 1984/ 1549/ 1555/ 182% 1893 1553 148 Con. Tobacco, pfd...
Delaware & Hudson
Federal Steel.
Federal Steel. pfd...
General Electric.... Metropolitan Traction... Manhattan Elevated..... 12974 N.Y. Ontaria & Western. orthern Pacific, pfd.... Pennsylvania R. R. People's Gas.... Phila a Reading, 1st.... Southern Pacific Southern Railway, pfd... Tenu. Coal and Iron..... uion Pacific, pfd...... S. Leather S. Leather, pfd... Amalgamated Copper.... Erie, 1st, pfd....

S. Steel, pfd.,

the fact that Henry Brown, a colored man about twenty-five years old, was suffer-Washington Stock Exchange. Notice.—The board will adjourn over Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6.

Sales—regular call, 12 o'clock m.—Washington Traction and Electric 4½s, \$1,000 at 64%, \$1,000 at 63%, \$1,000 at 64%, \$1,000 at 6 Notice.—The board will adjourn over Friday and aturday, April 5 and 6. ing with the disease. Brown was removed to the smallpox hospital, and the premises The Treasury Department has made a comparison of customs duties collected from returning passengers under the new regulations at the port of New York and under the old regulations. This shows that from passengers who arrived on six steamers on popular lines from March 21 to April On the same steamers returning between same dates of this year the collections Joseph Fox was this afternoon held in \$1,000 bonds for the action of the grand iscellaneous Bonds.-Capital Traction 4s jury by Judge Scott in the Police Court, to answer the charge of stealing \$95 from T. H. Scott of Arlington, Va., while the latter was in a bowling alley on the avenue. BALTIMORE, April 4.—Flour dull and unchang di; recelpts, 5,768 barrels; exports, 35,022 barrels BALTIMORE, April 4.—Flour dull and unchanged; receipts, 5,768 barrels; exports, 35,022 barrels. Wheat unsettled and lower; spot and the month, 76a76½; May, 76½a76½; steamer No. 2 red, 73¾a 74; receipts. 26,481 bushels; exports, 48,016 bushels; southern by sample, 72a77; do. on grade, 74½a 77. Corn firmer; mixed, spot, the month and May, 46¾a46½; steamer mixed, 45¾a45½; receipta, 102, 976 bushels; exports, 214,435 bushels; southern white and yellow corn, 47½ asked. Osts steady; No. 2 white, 33a34; No. 2 mixed, 31a31½; receipts, 47,827 bushels. Rye quiet; No. 2 nearby, 57; No. 2 western, 58; receipts, 1.176 bushels. Hay firm; No. 1 timothy, \$17 bid. Grain freights very dull; no demand; unchanged. Butter, eggs, cheese and sugar firm and unchanged.

ton Ges, 57% bid, 58

per cents, registered.

per cents, coupon.

per cents, registered, 1908-1928.

per cents, coupon, 1908-1928.

per cents, registered, 1907.

per cents, coupon, 1907.

per cents, registered, 1925.

per cents, coupon, 1925.

per cents, registered, 1904.

per cents, coupon, 1926. Grain and Provisions Markets CHICAGO, April 4.—Grain: Open. High. Wheat—May...... 72% 72% Corn May 42% % 48% CHICAGO, April 4. Provisions: